C700-799 MEETINGS

C700 Meetings — General

Dr. D. D. Stuthman, Chairman of the ASA Location of Meetings Committee, reported that the committee took action to eliminate from consideration for 1978 the cities of Minneapolis and Indianapolis, and to add Washington, D.C., and New Orleans; therefore, New Orleans, Washington, D.C., Atlanta, and Chicago will be considered for 1978. The committee also took action to recommend Fort Collins, Colo., as the first choice for the 1979 meetings with Denver being the second choice; the proposed meeting dates would be 5-10 Aug. 1979. The list of possible meeting sites for 1980-81 includes Toronto, New Orleans, Chicago, Atlanta, Miami, and Atlantic City. There is the distinct possibility that ASA may have a joint meeting with the Horticultural Science Society in one of the years. The cities listed have the additional facilities needed to handle the greater number of people. The A731 Committee recommended that a survey be conducted with regard to future meeting sites. The committee would like to separate the issues of summer vs. summer campus meetings. Also the issue of summer vs. fall meetings will be surveyed. In the last survey taken, people favored summer meetings by 89%. People are not separating the issue of summer vs. summer campus meetings. The new survey will separate these two issues. The current policy is to have a summer campus meeting every 4 years. Since the last survey was taken, people may have changed their minds about it. Dr. Stuthman would like to get the survey back in order to have ample time to study it and locate an appropriate meeting site for 1983. Different aspects as to the dates will be surveyed. The question will be asked if people favor meeting earlier in the fall with higher prices or later in the fall with lower prices or rooms. Each city varies from month-to-month with the prices they charge for accommodations. Dr. Stuthman said that the membership is not always aware of the work that goes into setting room rates. Another recommendation of the committee that was favorably received was to be presented to the ASA Board of Directors, from the host institution, Chairman of the A751 Committee, or a member from that Committee to be present during the annual meeting. This recommendation was subsequently approved by the ASA Board on 3 Dec. 1976.

C800-899 SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS

C852 Crop Registration Committee

Dr. C. F. Lewis, Chairman of the Crop Registration Committee, requested clarification relative to action taken in approving a recommendation from the C851 Genetic Stocks Committee. The approved recommendation states that sample seed must be deposited in the National Seed Storage Laboratory before a variety is registered. Dr. Lewis wanted to know when this policy will go into effect since this will directly affect the committee on registration. It was the general agreement of the Board that the C851 and C852 Committees should be in arriving at a date on which to put into effect the requirement.

President’s Annual Report

A LOOK at the activities of the Crop Science Society of America for 1976 lead me to conclude our purposes were achieved with multiple successes. These successes were possible because of the hard work of many officers, committee chairmen, and members, as well as an outstanding headquarters staff.

The purposes of our Society are many-fold; the key activities I would identify include 1) facilitating communications, 2) providing recognition, 3) providing membership support through trisociety relationships and a strong headquarters support. The report that follows reflects some of these societal functions.

The 1975-76 society year began following the Tuesday noon luncheon at the annual meetings in Knoxville. The Executive Committee met three times: in Madison, 27 January and 20 July and in Houston on 28 November.

Awards. A Distinguished Career Award was authorized at Houston. This award is to recognize career excellence in teaching, research, and/or extension spanning 25 years or more of a person’s career. It will be given for the first time in 1977. A General Awards Committee was developed to coordinate the overall activities in this area of CSSA.

Committee Chairman Orientation. Under the leadership of Dale Moss, CSSA President-elect, a trisociety orientation for new committee chairmen was provided during the annual meeting. This session provided the opportunity for a key group in our organizations to understand headquarters functions, reporting procedures, and program planning possibilities. The key requirements of our Board representative. CAST accomplishes this by reviewing and analysis on federal reports through excellent task forces.

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Publications. A number of publications are currently in progress.

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2. Third International Turfgrass Research Conference Proceedings. CSSA, ASA, and SSSA will cosponsor this publication with a $7,000 underwriting by the International Turfgrass Society.

3. Crop Tolerance to Suboptimal Land Conditions Symposium to be published in cooperation with CSSA, ASA, SSSA.

4. Crop Residue Management Systems. This symposium was approved that for registration by CSSA all cultivar, germplasm, and parental line releases must be deposited in the National Seed Storage Laboratory.

American Registry of Certified Professional (ARCPACS). Planning continues for this certification in the three societies. A manager has not been selected but selection is anticipated shortly.

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